

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the March 5, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- He has met with American Legal regarding the codification of the City Ordinances. American Legal will send a quote;
- Bridges said there is going to be a "Relay for Life" on June 15 & 16 and said that City Hall will be getting a team together and urged the Council to also put a team together to participate. He will give further information as he receives it;
- Asked if anyone had any revisions to be made to the abatement report. Council had none;
- Reminded anyone that was available to hand out kites at the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30;
- Asked Council if they wished to act on paying a claim for Suncoast Chemical in the amount of \$593.10. Pavey made a motion to approve paying the claim. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Councilman Sheehan said that they raised approximately \$1,200.00 for the Veteran's Memorial Monument at the Saint Patrick's Day celebration.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police - Fudge said that they had interviewed 12 applicants for the patrolman position and have narrowed them down to 5 to be interviewed by the Board of Works on March 26.

Street – Bennett informed Council that the Board of Works hired Chris Bolyard for a full time sanitation employee. Hired Gary Spilman for summer help for the Street Department.

He also said that he has ordered recycle tubs in two sizes. He has received a grant for a portion of the tubs.

Bennett said they will have a heavy trash pick up sometime in April. They will begin picking up yard waste again and it will be picked up on the same route as regular trash pick up.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Mower Quotes – Mathews stated that he had tried out the Grasshopper mower, but just for a few minutes and he did not feel like that was adequate time to make a decision on purchasing the mower. Mathews said he believes the Kawasaki engine is the better engine to go with. Pavey made a motion to table the purchase of the mower until Mathews could try the Grasshopper for a longer period of time. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Square Footage of Apartments in Rental Ordinance – The rental ordinance now reads that the square footage for apartments is 150 square feet. Pavey made a motion to change the square footage to a minimum of 700 square feet for apartments. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Trane Statement of Benefits – Chris Deno was present to represent the Trane Company. Deno stated that they have had some layoffs, but the

employees have now been recalled. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Statement of Benefits. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Special Exception, Robin Warner – City resident, Robin Warner came before Council to ask for their consideration for a special exception. Warner resides at 735 West 2nd Street. Before discussing the special exception, Warner presented a map showing that a portion of Oliver Street, which is South of 2nd Street, was vacated in 1952, but is still being used as a thoroughfare. Newhouse said that he has not been able to find any vacation ordinance in this regard. Warner said that he was paying taxes on this property and felt that the City should take this off of his taxes if it was indeed not vacated. Bridges said that that would have to come from the County Auditor, since the City has no authority to remove anything from his tax statement. Pavey made a motion to table the matter to allow the City Attorney and the Area Plan Commission to further investigate the matter as to the legal vacation of the property. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Warner stated that lots 94, 95, 96 and 97 are zoned residential. Lots 18, 83 and 84 are zoned commercial and he was requesting those lots to be rezoned as residential. He stated that he believed that it would be beneficial to both the City and to the residents. Warner said that he was simply asking for an informal blessing from the Council. He understood that he would have to take the request before the Area Plan. Council agreed to the informal blessing with the request from Council that the property would have to be cleaned up.

Rezoning Changes to Flood Plain Area – Council agreed that they had no problems with the changes and that they should proceed with the public hearing.

Gas Bids – The only bids received were from Ag One Co-op. Ag One submitted bids for both fixed rates and also a maximum price contract.

Fixed rates were:

92 Octane	=	.998
89 Octane	=	.898
87 Octane	=	.798
Diesel	=	.827

Maximum Price Contract:

92 Octane	=	1.048
89 Octane	=	.948
87 Octane	=	.848
Diesel	=	.877

Goins made a motion to accept the bid with the fixed rates. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims — Pavey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER